

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A strap for securing a side airbag, said strap being connectable at a first end of the strap via a fastening portion of the strap to an airbag and at a second end of the strap via a second portion of the strap to a vehicle part, wherein the fastening portion and the second portion each have constant cross-sections and a tapered portion of the strap is located therebetween, the a cross-sectional width of the fastening portion being larger than the a cross-sectional width of the second portion and the tapered portion providing a transition therebetween, the strap being constructed from a constant number of individual fibers extending substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the strap, the second portion having a hollow cross-section and the fastening portion having a solid cross-section.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 1, wherein the second portion has a substantially circular cross-section and the fastening portion has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

4. (cancelled)

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17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) The strap for securing a side airbag according claim 1, wherein the strap has a length and the tapering portion has a length and the ratio of the length of the strap to the length of the tapering portion is in a range of about ~~20~~ 20:1 to about ~~1000~~ 1000:1.

19. (currently amended) The strap for securing a side airbag according claim 1, wherein the strap has a length and the tapering portion has a length and the ratio of the length of the strap to the length of the tapering portion is in a range of about ~~2-30~~ 30:1 to about ~~400~~ 400:1.

20. (original) The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 1, wherein the strap is free of seams.

21. (new) A strap for securing a side airbag, said strap being connectable at a first end of the strap via a first fastening portion of the strap to an airbag and at a second end of the strap via a second fastening portion of the strap to a vehicle part, wherein a second portion of the strap having two ends is located between the first and second fastening portions and each end of the second portion is connected a fastening portion by a tapered portion that provides a transition therebetween, wherein the fastening portions and the second portion each have constant cross-sections, a cross-sectional width of the fastening portion being larger than a cross-sectional width of the second portion, the strap being constructed from a constant number of individual fibers extending substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the strap, the second portion having a hollow cross-section and the fastening portions each having a solid cross-section.

22. (new) The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 21, wherein the second portion has a substantially circular cross-section and the fastening portions each have a substantially rectangular cross-section.

23. (new) The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 21, wherein the strap is free of seams.